

Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, an affiliation of 95 fraternal benefit societies and more than 10 million members, has designated June 8 to 14, 1985, as Fraternal Week; and,

WHEREAS, The fraternal benefit system, through its societies and local units in every community, performs many religious, charitable, patriotic and benevolent activities; and,

WHEREAS, The local units of these societies and their members, through civic and patriotic projects, render great service to our state and nation; and,

WHEREAS, The fraternal benefit societies have long proclaimed their patriotism and celebrate Fraternal Week through special observance of Flag Day, June 14, and are a part of the National Fraternal Flag Day Foundation, an organization devoted to keeping alive the memory of Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand, the "father" of Flag Day, through the maintenance of the schoolhouse in Fredonia, Wisconsin, where in 1885 he held the first known Flag Day ceremony; and,

WHEREAS, June 14, 1985, is the birthday of our nation's flag, and the centennial of Dr. Cigrand's celebration; and,

WHEREAS, The National Fraternal Congress of America calls upon leaders of all its societies to apprise the nation of the ideals and objectives of the fraternal benefit system and to unite in observance of Fraternal Week and Flag Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8-14, 1985, as

FRATERNAL WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon citizens to lend their support and show their appreciation of the contributions made by the fraternal benefit system.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

The signature of Alice Kunkel, Secretary of State, in cursive ink.

ALICE KUNKEL, SECRETARY OF STATE

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